

Photographer will show slides from newest book, "Oregon IV"

OREGON IV RICK SCHAFER

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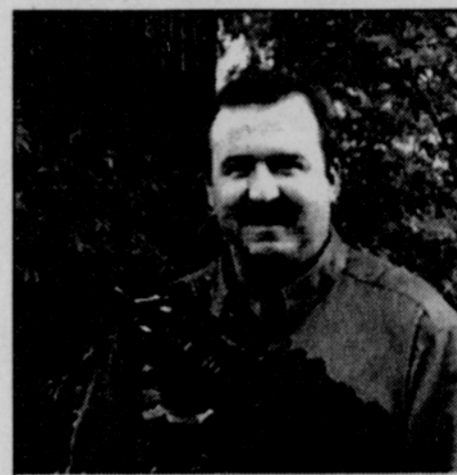


Photographer Rick Schafer will show slides of photos in his beautiful new gift book, *Oregon IV*, December 1 at 4:00 p.m., in the Columbia Center Auditorium in St. Helens.

Not since *Oregon III* was released, in April 1987, have Oregonians had a new state book. *Oregon IV* is a superb work that continues the photographic tradition begun in 1968 with the book *Oregon*. Published by Graphic Arts Center, this new volume is the result of five years of work by Schafer, stepson and protégé of the late Ray Atkeson.

Schafer's images convey fa-

miliar scenes and evocative places such as the deep, mysterious caves of the Siskiyou



Mountains, the perfect clarity of Crater Lake, the brilliant fields of wildflowers in the Cascade Range, and the majesty of

Multnomah Falls. From Seaside to the Willows, The Dalles to Klamath Lake, the splendor of Oregon is captured in this inspiring book.

Columbia Center is located at 375 S. 18th Street in St. Helens. For more information on the Literary Arts Series, contact St. Helens Public Library, 503-397-4544, or St. Helens Book Shop at 503-397-4917. The Literary Arts Series is a collaboration of the St. Helens Public Library, Friends of the St. Helens Public Library, St. Helens Book Shop and the Columbia Foundation. All events are free to the public.

Grey Dawn exhibit is also a farewell to the Burketts

Grey Dawn Gallery in Vernonia will hold their third annual Christmas Party and Winter Show, on December 6 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The evening will also be an opportunity for local people to say farewell to Christopher and Ruth Burkett.

Chris Burkett has honed his craft and become a photographer of international renown during the 20 years they have lived in Vernonia. Now they have moved closer to their church, in the Milwaukie area.

In addition to featuring Burkett's photos, "Abstracts of Nature," Dan and Heidi Brown,

owners of Grey Dawn Gallery, plan to fill the gallery to capacity with a large and exciting collection of Christopher's images. The display will include old favorites, some rarely displayed images, and others so new that they have been seen by very few people.

Those unfamiliar with Burkett's work will find the exhibit even more exciting than will old friends and acquaintances. The Oregon native learned the printing trade in order to understand what happens to photos when they leave the camera. He has developed his own

techniques while learning from others and, since 1993, has produced large format prints from his Vernonia facility.

There will be door prizes, with everyone attending receiving a ticket at the door. Because the evening is also a benefit for Vernonia Cares, everyone who brings a donation of food or funds for the foodbank will receive additional tickets for the drawings.

Grey Dawn Gallery is located at the corner of Bridge Street and Madison Avenue, in downtown Vernonia.

Deadline for amateur photography contest is December 31, 2002

Photographers from the Vernonia area, particularly beginners, will complete for a share of over 1,300 prizes totalling \$60,000, in the International Library of Photography's International Open Amateur Photography Contest.

The contest is free and is open to everyone. The deadline for entries is December 31, 2002.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portaiture or

Other. The photo must be a color or black and white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo.

Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2615, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings, Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2002.

Entries may be submitted online at www.picture.com

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